

REMARKS

The Examiner's objection to claims 17-28 containing allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form is noted with appreciation.

Claim 1 has been amended to contain the subject matter of claims 16 and 17 thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

The dependency of claims 9, 12, 18 and 21 has been changed to claim 1 and further the dependency of claim 14 has been changed to claim 2.

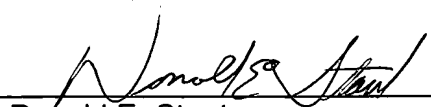
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 1344.40314X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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